

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

- Claims 1, 3, 5-8, 10, 11 and 16-19 are pending in the Application.
- Claims 1, 3, 5-8, 10, 11 and 16-19 are finally rejected by Examiner.
- Claim 1 and 8 are amended.

Interview Summary

Applicant's representative is grateful that the Examiner granted an telephone interview held on 9/28/2005. During the interview, Applicant's representative and the Examiner discussed Claims 1 and 8 and the Advisory Action dated 9/7/2005. Applicant's representative clarified that one aspect of the invention includes a Network Interface Unit (NIU) that *contains* an Embedded Services Processor (ESP). The ESP has a network interface that allows the ESP to communicate across an external network to a *remote* external server computer that performs multimedia processing for the messaging platform. This configuration and operation is diametric to Hyde-Thompson et al. which teaches performing text-to-speech conversion locally. It was noted that, according to MPEP 2143.01, Hyde-Thompson et al. would be rendered unsuitable for its intended purpose if modified and combined with another reference to attempt to teach remote multimedia processing.

The Examiner encouraged Applicant's representative to submit this Response to Advisory Action including claim amendments which clarified the location of the ESP within the NIU and the remote multimedia processing by the external server computer.

Claim Amendments

Applicant's representative amends Claim 1 to more clearly recite that the ESP is *within the NIU* and that the external services computer provides *remote* multimedia processing for the messaging platform. Claim 8 already recites that the ESP is within the NIU. Applicant's representative amends Claim 8 to more clearly recite that at least one multimedia application for the messaging platform is executed on an external server computer *remotely located* on said external network.

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Conclusion

In view of the above-mentioned clarifying amendments, Applicant's representative submits that the present application is in a condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance for all pending claims is earnestly solicited. A speedy reply to this Advisory Action Response would be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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